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### QUALIFICATIONS

A self-driven and socially conscious attorney with a strong background in administrative law and policy, and a lifelong passion for Hawai'i's unique natural and cultural resources. Approaches problems with a critical and strategic mindset. Values teamwork, initiative, and positive interpersonal relationships as critical components in accomplishing complex tasks.

### EDUCATION

William S. Richardson School of Law, J.D., May 2009  
GPA: 3.67/4.00

Harvey Mudd College, B.S. General Engineering, May 2006  
GPA: 3.49/4.00

### HONORS & ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, 2013-present  
Secretary, Board of Directors, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, 2013-present  
Board of Directors, King Kamehameha Hawaiian Civic Club, 2012-present  
Community Board Member, Advocates for Public Interest Law, 2011-present  
Community Organizer, HealthyPacific.org, 2011-present  
Communications Chair, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party, 2012-2013  
President, Board of Directors, Korean American Bar Association Hawai'i, 2011-2013  
Active member, Hawai'i State Bar Association, 2009-present  
Advisory Committee, Hawai'i Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid, 2009-present

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Employee of the Quarter, 2014  
O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Helen C. Kane Award, 2013  
CALI Awards in: Organizing for Social Change (2009), Race, Culture, & the Law (2009),  
Native Hawaiian Rights (2008), International Law (2008), Constitutional  
Law II (2008), Legal Practice I (2006)  
Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing Best Environmental Law Seminar Paper, 2008  
Chris Iijima Fellowship APIL Grantee, 2008  
Vice President, Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Organization, 2008  
Harvey Mudd College Dean's List, 2003-2006  
President, Claremont Colleges Hawai'i Club, 2005-2006

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

*Ho'ona aku, Ho'ōla aku: First Steps to Averting the Tragedy of the Commons in Hawai'i's Nearshore Fisheries*, 10 ASIAN-PACIFIC LAW AND POLICY JOURNAL 236 (2008)  
available at [http://blog.hawaii.edu/aplpj/files/2011/11/APLPJ\\_10.1\\_tanaka.pdf](http://blog.hawaii.edu/aplpj/files/2011/11/APLPJ_10.1_tanaka.pdf)

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs**, September 2012-Present

Public Policy Advocate

-Advocate for policies that support the betterment of Native Hawaiians through written and oral testimony to various governmental decisionmakers, with a specific focus on the areas of

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environmental resources, traditional and cultural practices, ceded lands, and related topics.  
-Provide additional support for public policy functions, including editing testimonies and correspondences, responding to beneficiary inquiries, attending committee meetings, and ceremonial pū blowing.

### **Kua‘āina Ulu ‘Auamo, April 2012 – January 2013**

Project Coordinator, Hawai‘i Fish Trust Enforcement Chain Analysis

-Developed and executed a systemic analysis of the “enforcement chain” for aquatic resources violations, to identify barriers and suggest recommendations for enhancing law enforcement functions in the nearshore fisheries context.

### **Hawai‘i Department of Land & Natural Resources, August 2009 – September 2012**

DLNR-DAR Marine Law Fellow

- Identified, researched, and advocated for institutional changes needed to more effectively and consistently enforce state resource laws.
- Worked with community partners and non-profit organizations to facilitate the establishment of community-based fisheries management initiatives.
- Supervised and coordinated with three legal interns to research regulatory issues, institutional limitations, and possible initiatives for fostering community participation in resource management.
- Coordinated with deputy attorneys general, biologists, department administration, and law enforcement in the analysis and revision of aquatics regulations and statutes.
- Drafted BLNR submittals for rule changes and administrative enforcement actions.

### **Native Hawaiian Rights Handbook, August 2008 – May 2009**

Research Assistant

-Conducted comprehensive research and writing on various topics for the revised edition of the Native Hawaiian Rights Handbook, including konohiki fishing rights, fishpond regulations and management, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, and shoreline access.

### **Hawai‘i Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid, June 2007 – Present**

Law Clerk/Volunteer Attorney

-Worked with staff attorneys on legal research and brief writing on various administrative law cases and issues; fundraised for the second, third, fourth, and fifth annual Chris Iijima Fellowships; and assisted with grant writing for community outreach programs.

### **REFERENCES**

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Additional references available upon request.